

I. Listing of Claims

CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of packaging an air-bag in the form of an inflatable curtain, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~ folding the air-bag into a roll having a cylindrical form, the cylindrical form having a radial center therethrough that defines a longitudinal axis of the roll, deforming the roll around at least one member to form at least a region of the roll having a substantially "C" shape positioned parallel to the longitudinal axis of the roll, and packaging the deformed roll in a package such that the substantially "C" shape is retained including retaining the substantially "C" shape via contact of the deformed roll with one of the member and a retainer element used cooperatively with the member to deform the roll, then positioning the package fully around an outer perimeter of the deformed roll including the substantially "C" shape and then removing the one of the member and the retainer element from the deformed roll to retain the substantially "C" shape within the package.
2. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the roll is deformed so as to have a plurality of substantially "C" shaped regions.
3. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the roll is deformed by urging the at least one member into contact with the exterior of the roll.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 3, wherein the roll is deformed by a plurality of the members.
5. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 3, wherein the member urged into contact with the exterior of the roll is a rod or axle.
6. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 3, wherein the member is in contact with the ~~deformer~~ deformed roll during the stage step of positioning the package ~~packaging~~, and the member is subsequently withdrawn from the package during the step of removing.
7. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 3, wherein the member urged into contact with the roll is a plate, and the retainer element is ~~there being~~ a substantially "U" shaped form to contact and receive the roll.
8. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 7, wherein the plate is removed from the combination of the deformed roll and the substantially "U" shaped form prior to the step of positioning the package, the combination of the deformed roll and the substantially "U" shaped form is ~~introduced to a~~ positioned within the package during the step of positioning the package, and finally the "U" shaped form is withdrawn from the package during the step of removing.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the package is formed so as to have a substantially rectangular form.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 9, wherein the package is formed such that the major axis of the "C"-shaped region lies substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the rectangular form package.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 9, wherein the package is formed such that the major axis of the "C"-shaped region lies substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the rectangular package.

12. (Currently Amending) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of packaging the deformed roll includes wrapping ~~a wrapper~~ the package around the deformed roll and securing the ~~wrapper~~ package to retain the deformed roll ~~into~~ in the package.

13. (New) A method according to Claim 1, wherein during the step of removing the one of the member and the retainer element is removed from the deformed roll by being advanced in a direction that is substantially parallel with the longitudinal axis of the roll.